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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Of:)
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VEHICLE-MOUNTED EQUIPMENT CARRIER)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PCT Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination of the above application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Original) An equipment carrier for mounting onto a rear component of a vehicle structure, such as a vehicle trunk lid or door, comprising:
- a frame having lower engagement means engageable with a lower area of the vehicle component;
- a structure connected to the frame or forming part thereof, for carrying one or more items of equipment;
- at least one vehicle engaging member, connected to the frame or forming part thereof, for engaging the vehicle component at a position above said lower area,

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